State Dinner at Bolghatty.

347. **Mr. A. B. Salem.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a whether a State Dinner was held in Bolghatty in honour of His Highness the Maharaja's birthday out of State funds;

(b) the names of the gentlemen and ladies invited to the Dinner;

(c) whether the Chief Justice of the State and Mrs. Varugis, who were in the State Dinner list, were invited or not; if not, why not;

(d) whether any Members of the Legislative Council were invited;

(e) what was the criterion adopted in preparing the list of invitations;

(f) where the list was prepared;

(g) whether in the Huzur Office or in the Sarvadhikaria-kar's office;

(h) to what item of the budget was the expenditure debited and the total of the same?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The information asked for is not furnished as no public purpose is, in the opinion of the Govern-ment, served thereby.

Correspondence regarding Tenancy Bill.

348. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the Table all the correspondence that passed between the Jenmi representative in the Legislative Council and the Government and also between the former and the President or the Secretary to the Legislative Council with reference to the Jenmi representative's Bill to amend the Cochin Tenancy Regulation?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government regret that the cor-respondence cannot be placed on the Table.

Kadamakkudi and Mulavukad.

349. **Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the area of each of the islands of Panambukad, Kothad, Kandanad, Kadamakkudi and Mulavukad ;

(b) the population of each of these islands ;

(c) the amount of land tax derived from each of these lands ;

(d) the extent of (1) metalled roads, if any, (2) unmetalled roads and (3) poramboke lanes in each of the said places;

(e) whether the Government have at any time received re-presentations from the people of any or all these places that they are put to very great hardship and inconvenience for want of even public lanes;

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(f) if the answer to (e) is in the affirmative, whether the Government have decided to redress the grievances of the inhabitants of the localities concerned;

(g) if the answer to (f) is in the negative, the reasons for not doing so?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—

		Acres.	*Cents.*
(a)	Panambukad	709	12½
	Kothad	341	11
	Kandanad	77	03
	Kadamakkudi	581	20
	Mulavukad	706	14

(b) It is roughly as noted below:—

Panambukad	2,500
Kothad	1,150
Kandanad	150
Kadamakkudi	1,000
Mulavukad	5,000

(c)

1.	Rs.	3,166	14	8
2.	,,	1,553	5	3
3.	,,	326	11	6
4.	,,	2,766	10	3
5.	,,	3,231	12	6

(d)

	Metalled roads.	Unmetalled roads.	Poramboke lanes.
1.	....	...	5 acres
2.	....	....	....
3.	..	....	..
4.	..	..	1·71 acres
5.	..	14 acres	1 acre

(e) Yes.

(f) The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

(g) The question does not arise in view of the answer to(f).

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—May I know how long have these representations been pending with the Government?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I want notice.

Permission to conduct raffles.

350. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) the number of petitions and representations received by the Government for granting permission for conducting raffle in the last five years;

(b) from whom they were received;

(c) how they have been disposed of;

(d) whether the Government have not accepted the wholesome view expressed not long ago by the present Diwan that conducting raffle is an "inducement to poor persons to waste their small earnings"?

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